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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-17
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-17
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-17
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

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1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

- D1 : JUNHONG WANG ET AL: "Corrections of humidity measurement errors from the Vaisala RS80 radiosonde - application to TOGA COARE data" JOURNAL OF ATMOSPHERIC AND OCEANIC TECHNOLOGY AMERICAN METEOROL. SOC USA, vol. 19, no. 7, 1 July 2002 (2002-07-01), pages 981-1002, XP002314018 ISSN: 0739-0572
- D2: TURNER D D ET AL: "Dry bias and variability in Vaisala RS80-H radiosondes: the ARM experience" JOURNAL OF ATMOSPHERIC AND OCEANIC TECHNOLOGY AMERICAN METEOROL. SOC USA, vol. 20, no. 1, 1 January 2003 (2003-01-01), pages 117-132, XP002314019 ISSN: 0739-0572
- D3: B. M. LESHT, S.J. RICHARDSON: "The Vaisala RS-80H Radiosonde Dry-Bias Correction Redux" TWELFTH ARM SCIENCE TEAM MEETING PROCEEDINGS, 8 April 2002 (2002-04-08), - 12 April 2002 (2002-04-12) XP002314020 ST PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

Document D1 discloses a method for correcting humidity measurement errors from radiosonde. On page 984 (first line) of D1, the cause of these errors is identified as the radiational heating of the sensors. The measured value of humidity is corrected by a temperature dependence correction model, where the temperature in question is that of the ambient (indicated as t in formula 4.3, page 988).

2.2 For analogous reasons to those given at 2.1 above, the subject-matter of claim 1 is likewise not new over document D2. In document D2, the "environmental conditions parameter" of claim 1 can be identified as humidity, which is measured by a second apparatus (a microwave radiometer). The reading from the radiometer is used for a scaling correction of the radiosonde humidity sensor.

2.3 For analogous reasons to those given at 2.1 and 2.2 above, the subject-matter of claim 1 is likewise not new over document D3. In document D3, the correction takes place thanks to a temperature model error (formula 2).

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 14 AND 16

The objections raised above against method claim 1 likewise apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the corresponding apparatus claim 14 and computer program claim 16.

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-13, 15, 17

Dependent claims 2-13, 15, 17 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).

5 REMARKS

In claim 1 two separate and alternative possibilities are considered for correcting measured humidity values: a look-up table (in the application, "a data structure") and a mathematical function. Some of the dependent claims though (cl. 5, 8, 9) concern the presence of a data structure. It is considered that this reference to features of claim 1 which are optional and not essential for carrying out the invention can lead to a contradiction and can be a source of lack of clarity (Art. 6 PCT).